

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend paragraphs [0037] and [0038] as follows:

[0037] Capital expenditures 105 is then depreciated over multiple years to yield capital expense depreciation ~~406~~ 108. Capital expenditures 105 is also used to calculate increase in plant assets ~~409~~ 107 by subtracting existing plant assets from plant assets needed in the modeled network architecture, for example modeled network architecture 104a.

[0038] Capital expense depreciation ~~406~~ 108 and increase in plant assets 107 are then used to calculate a reduction in plant assets 109.